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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Matt P Hodges

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 June 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 16-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 16-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION***Response to Amendment***

The Amendment, filed on 06/03/2003, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Cancellation of claims 14 and 15 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-13 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steierman (US 4,065,697) in view of Yanagisawa et al. (US 6,251,811) and further in view of Petersen et al. (US 4,804,885).

Regarding claims 1-13 and 16-18, Steierman discloses a CRT tube including the following substances in percent weight:

SiO ₂	45-70	CeO ₂	0-1
Al ₂ O ₃	0-6	Sb ₂ O ₃	0-1
MgO	0-3	P ₂ O ₅	0
CaO	0-8		
SrO	0-15		
BaO	0-20		
ZnO	0		
Na ₂ O	3-10		
K ₂ O	5-15		
ZrO ₂	0		
TiO ₂	0		

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These ranges include all values and combinations possible with the numbers listed above.

Further Steierman specifies as little as 0% lead oxide in the disclosed tube. (Column 2 lines 32-47). Steierman does not however appear to specify the X-Ray absorption coefficient of 28.0^{-1} or more at 0.6\AA , however the x-ray absorption is a product of the tube composition, specifically the amounts of lead oxide, BaO, and SrO. In this case the compositions of the materials specified do fall within the ranges that would provide the X-Ray absorption coefficient as claimed. Therefore the tube as taught would have an X-Ray absorption coefficient of 28.0^{-1} or more at 0.6\AA .

Further Steierman discloses the tube as described above but does not appear to specify the use of TiO_2 in concentrations of 0.1-2.0% by weight. However Yanagisawa, in the same field of tube manufacture, discloses the use of TiO_2 in concentrations of 0.5% by weight in order to beneficially adjust the viscosity of the glass. (Column 6 lines 7-14). Improving glass viscosity is important to ease manufacture and thus lower overall cost.

Further Steierman discloses the tube as described above but does not appear to specify the use of ZrO_2 in concentrations of 0.1-2.5% by weight. However Petersen, in the same field of tube manufacture, discloses the use of ZrO_2 in concentrations of 0 – 14 % by weight in order to beneficially attenuate the x-ray radiation. (Column 4 lines 60-67). Thus, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skills in the art to TiO_2 in concentrations of 0.5% by weight as disclosed by Yanagisawa and to incorporate ZrO_2 in concentrations of 0 – 14 % by weight as disclosed by Petersen into the CRT tube taught by Steierman in order to beneficially adjust the viscosity of the glass and to beneficially attenuate the x-ray radiation.

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Regarding claim 19, Steierman further discloses the use of colorants in some percentage of 0% or more.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 06/03/2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding applicants claim that the specific elements used in the funnel glass compositions of Yanagisawa and Petersen are not applicable to the composition of the panel glass disclosed by Steierman, examiner respectfully disagrees. In this case the addition of both compounds into the glass composition serves a purpose in both a funnel and panel portion that is analogous to both pieces. Yanagisawa discloses the use of TiO_2 in concentrations of 0.1-2.0% by weight to beneficially increase viscosity which eases the manufacture for glass panels and glass funnels. Further Petersen teaches the use of ZrO_2 in concentrations of 0 – 14 % by weight in order to enhance the x-ray attenuation. X-Ray attenuation is commonly a problem for both panel and funnel portions and thus the motivation and combinations are deemed proper independent of specific evidence on how the final product is found to not be workable as combined.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.


Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matt P Hodges whose telephone number is (703) 305-4015. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on (703) 305-4794. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7382 for regular communications and (703) 308-7382 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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